Afforestation, Net Present Value (NPV), Conservation and Protection of National Parks/Sanctuaries, etc.

As yet, the Hon'ble Supreme Court has not permitted to release the funds deposited in the Ad-hoc body of CAMPA

Assistance and clerance granted to environmental projects

477. SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE:
SHRI VINAY KATIYAR:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of assistance and clearance granted to the environmental projects of Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh during the last two years and the current year;

(b) the details of proposals submitted by Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh Governments for environmental clearance as on date;

(c) the total cost of cleared proposals, and

(d) by when these pending projects would be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Fund for development and promotion of forests

478. SHRI O.T. LEPCHA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any policy for afforestation in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the total fund allotted and sanctioned for development and promotion of forests in the country, particularly in Sikkim during the last three years, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) and (b) The Ministry of Environment and Forests is implementing National Afforestation Programme (NAP) Scheme in the country for regeneration of degraded forests and adjoining lands. The scheme is being implemented through a two-tier decentralized mechanism of Forest Development Agency (FDA) at the Forest Division level and Joint Forest Management Committees (JFMCs) at village level.

(c) The funds released to Sikkim and other States under the NAP Scheme, including maintenance of Plantations raised in the Ninth Plan period, during last three years (2004-05 to 2006-07) are given in the enclosed Statement (*See* below)